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Respectfully submitted herewith is a copy of US patent 4,523,373 disclosed and discussed on page 1 of the specification.

Also submitted herewith is a copy of a German Patent Office Search Report (3 pages) from one of the parallel German applications 199 60 446.0. of which the present application claims priority, together with copies of its 5 cited references.

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SUBMISSION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

Respectfully submitted herewith are two priority documents named below, applicants herewith claiming the benefit of the filing dates thereof under 35 USC 119, this submission meeting the requirements of 35 USC 119:

German Patent Applications:

199 54 173.6 filed November 10, 1999; and
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